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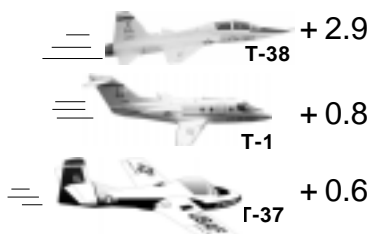
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## Mission status

(As of April 25)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



### Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

- Sorties flown: 37,260
- Hours flown: 55,400.9
- Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 166
- Wings earned since 1963: 11,531

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## New vice commander touches down

By Senior Airman  
Mike Hammond

Editor

Laughlin welcomed its new vice wing commander April 21.

Col. Herb Foret arrived here from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he served as the deputy commander of the 56th Operations Group.

The Del Rio area is not new to the colonel. He was stationed at Laughlin for his first assignment from 1977 - 1981, when he graduated pilot training and served as a T-37 instructor pilot. "My wife, Terri, and I were very excited when we got the assignment to Laughlin," Foret said. "We consider this like coming home - a unique experience! When I got here, I noticed that the base has vastly improved - with new roads and great facilities!"

While the base's appearance is better than that of 23 years ago, Foret said he's already noticed another change. "When I was here before, there was clearly a strong bond of support and partnership between the base and the Del Rio community," he said. "That bond seems even stronger now - it's as healthy as I've seen at any base. Supporters like Lonnie Ricks, Norman Elder, Garry Stehle and others were good friends and supporters then - and are more so today!"

The colonel said it's a treat for him to be at a small base again after spending nearly three years at Luke, because it gives all as-



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Col. Foret and Maj. Alan "Squid" Kollien, 47 FTW chief of flight safety, look over the working area map and T-38 departures to the air space. signed here an opportunity to know the mission and each other firsthand. That knowledge plays well into Foret's leadership philosophy. "My leadership philosophy is simple," he explained. "Clearly define mission objectives, give the people the resources to accomplish the mission, and then let them do it. I look forward to building a strong relationship with all involved in accomplishing our mission."

One challenge the base can expect to meet in the future will be the planned addition of the T-6 Texan II aircraft, a replacement for the

T-37 Tweet. The Air Force is currently testing the aircraft at Randolph AFB, Texas. Foret said that, depending on how the testing goes, Laughlin may see the aircraft arrive here as soon as August 2002. He predicted the transition would be fairly smooth, as Laughlin has a three-runway configuration. The colonel also said the aircraft should have a positive effect on the mission, as a new plane should require less maintenance and therefore increase the mission-capable rates here.

Prior to being the deputy operations group commander at Luke, Foret served as 56th Fighter Wing chief of safety. The colonel gave this advice regarding safe mission accomplishment. "Follow the rules and regulations and work smart - whether you're a pilot, crew chief or member of any mission-essential element. The guidelines exist to keep you safe. Always think clearly about what you're going to do - use Operational Risk Management tools and avoid unnecessary risks."

"I'm proud to be a Laughlin team member," the colonel said. "My number one objective is to support Col. (Skip) Scott (47 FTW commander) and his objectives and priorities as he leads Team XL. My goal is to be a good wing man and never let him down, or let those with whom I serve down - I think that whatever job you're doing, you should always try to be the best at it!"

The colonel expects to be joined next month by his wife and his son, Drew, a high school junior. His daughter, Melissa, is attending college in Arizona.

## AETC commander calls it a career; to retire after 34 years

Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, commander of Air Education and Training Command since March 1997, is retiring effective Aug. 1, 2000, after more than 34 years of military service.

Newton is responsible for recruiting, training and educating all Air Force personnel. His command consists of 13 bases, more than 43,000 active duty members and 14,000 civilians.

The general has commanded three wings and an air division, and held numerous staff positions. He flew 269 combat missions

from Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, including 79 missions over North Vietnam. The general was selected to join the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, in November 1974.

Newton held several positions - including narrator, slot pilot and right wingman. From 1978 to 1982 he was assigned as an Air Force congressional liaison officer with the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. The general is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the T-

37, T-38, F-4, F-15, F-16, C-12 and F-117.

During his career, Newton was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster.

President Bill Clinton has nominated Air Force Lt. Gen. Hal M. Hornburg for appointment to the grade of general and to succeed Newton as AETC commander.

Hornburg is currently vice

commander of Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va. He has served in numerous command positions throughout his career, including commander of 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; as commander of the Joint Warfighting Center, Fort Monroe, Va.; and, as commander of the 4th Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

He led a composite fighter wing during Operation Desert

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# Commander's

Establish an honest, thorough self-inspection program now – because the...

## ORI is coming!



By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart  
47th Flying Training Wing inspector general

Beginning Aug. 21, Laughlin will be visited by the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General's team. The team members are coming here to grade us on our ability to do our mission – an Operational Readiness Inspection. We all know we are getting the job done – and doing it well. After all, look at how we, as a wing, overcame an almost impossible flying hour deficit without slipping any incoming classes or holding up any graduating classes. Some at AETC said it couldn't be done, but we did it anyway. We can and will achieve the mission despite the obstacles in our way.

The inspection team's goal is to determine if our mission accomplishment complies with the laws, instructions and policies we are supposed to follow. Just because a mission is achieved doesn't mean no laws were bent or instructions ignored. The inspectors' job is to find those times we ignored laws, instructions and policies, and also to remind us how critical it is to the Air Force mission that we respect and adhere to them. Unfortunately, the way they do that is by "writing us up" and grading our adherence to those requirements.

There is a simple way to avoid the "write-ups." Just follow the laws, instructions and policies as they are written! Obviously, that is easier said than done. The pressure to get things done as soon as possible, especially when working in a deficit situation, can cause people to feel they have to find short cuts in order to get the sortie flown or the part ordered or those orders cut! Sometimes we even train new people on the short cut – rather than the proper way to perform a job. There are



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vincent Tufariello

Airmen 1st Class Don Yeater (right) and Vinnie Demedici (left) of the 17th Security Forces Squadron at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, check under a car for suspicious items Dec. 1, 1999. Security forces conducted random checks like this one during the Inspector General visit for the Operational Readiness Inspection.

also times when the policies don't get disseminated well or a new instruction comes out and we haven't checked for it. We have a tool to check ourselves for these kinds of problems, however: the Unit Self Inspection Program.

Each unit's Self Inspection Program is designed to

help it's members find the potential pitfalls for the mission-essential tasks they perform. It points out what laws, instructions, policies and technical orders apply to their tasks, and asks specific questions to find out how those requirements are used in the unit's day-to-day operations. Making sure the program is used and that it doesn't become a "pencil-whipping" operation is the responsibility of each commander, supervisor and worker. The self-inspection checklists – the same ones the IG uses to inspect – are posted on the AETC IG Web site. Using the checklists to check your area will allow you to identify any problems and either correct them or develop a plan to get them corrected.

When you perform your self-inspection, you should pull out the files/records or data that the questions cover. The inspector who comes to your office is not going to simply accept your "yes" or "no" and move on. The inspector will likely say, "prove it" – and you will need to have the hard data available to show them. Going through the questions now and noting on your self-inspection checklist where to find that data will save you time and trouble when the inspectors are here. It will also show them you're on the ball and they may move on to the next person faster. It will show you just where you have a disconnect between what you are doing and what you are supposed to be doing.

Ideally, preparing for the ORI should be a simple case of achieving your mission just like you do every day. The self-inspection checklists will identify when your way of accomplishing the mission conflicts with or doesn't quite meet the ideal.

Let's start now and make sure we have everything ready for August – when the ORI rolls through Laughlin.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

## Actionline

Call 298-5351

*Winfield W. Scott III*

Col. Winfield W. Scott III  
47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
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Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

## Dangerous playground?

**Call:** I am concerned about the playground equipment at the TLF. The holes are so large that a child can fall through and it is so high and I didn't know if the items could be upgraded or even removed. Thanks.

**Response:** Thanks for your input. We ordered new playground equipment in January and expect delivery and installation in May or June.

In the meantime, the old equipment has been taped off to prevent its use.

A work order has been initiated to remove the existing equipment.

## Taken to the cleaners...

**Call:** I recently arrived here from another base and I am very disappointed to see that there is no cleaning service available here on base. I am an unaccompanied airman, I have no means of transportation – mainly because I cannot afford one. There are no cleaners within walking distance from the

base. I regret that I have no opportunities to clean my uniform other than by pulling out an iron and hoping I don't burn my clothes. I hope that this issue can be resolved promptly.

If there is no reason why cleaners can be on base, perhaps transportation can be provided in the future for unaccompanied airman like myself who need service.

**Response:** We extend our apologies to you for the inconvenience of Laughlin not having a dry cleaning facility on base. We have aggressively pursued a

contract for a dry cleaning service with the two local cleaners. Unfortunately, both have declined to contract with the base. In the past, a non-local cleaner provided dry cleaning services with drop-off and pick-up at the BX. It was quickly determined this long distance service was not cost-effective for the dry cleaner or AAFES.

We regretfully report that although we continue in our quest to secure a dry cleaning service on base, we have not been successful.

# Community College of the Air Force, Park University, University of Maryland recognize graduates at awards ceremony Tuesday



**Staff Sgt. Jason Ballard**  
47th Communications Squadron  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Information Systems Technology



**Senior Airman Michael Hammond**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Public Affairs



**Master Sgt. James Ketchel**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Personnel Administration



**Senior Airman Carla Locklear**  
47th Medical Group  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Allied Health Science



**Senior Airman David Reeves**  
47th Comptroller Flight  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Financial Management



**Staff Sgt. Meelondrell Shabazz**  
47th Contracting Squadron  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Contracts Management, \*



**Master Sgt. Robert Thompson**  
47th Security Forces Squadron  
CCAF Associate of Applied Science degree, Criminal Justice



**Staff Sgt. Ernest Bice**  
47th Medical Group  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Social Psychology



**Melissa Castillo**  
Family member  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Social Psychology



**Staff Sgt. Charles Ferro**  
47th Contracting Squadron  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Management



**Christine Hurley**  
Family member  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Management



**Master Sgt. Anthony Russell**  
47th Contracting Squadron  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Management



**Tech Sgt. Amy Urban**  
47th Mission Support Squadron  
Park University Bachelor's of Science degree, Social Psychology

Not pictured are: Senior Airman Daniel Glick (separated) and Master Sgt. Gary Townsend (retired). Glick received a CCAF degree in Fire Science and Townsend received a CCAF degree in Physical Therapy Assistance. \* Shabazz also received a bachelor's in management studies from the University of Maryland.

## CCAF offers enlisted servicemembers degree opportunities

The Community College of the Air Force offers enlisted personnel an opportunity to earn an accredited associates degree in their area of expertise.

These degrees can be earned only while an individual is on active duty or in the active reserve. It must be completed prior to separation, retirement or

commissioning. Air Force officers and civilian personnel are not eligible to participate in the CCAF degree program.

A CCAF degree is unique. The CCAF, along with the U.S. Air Force Academy and other military academies, is a federally chartered institution that awards an associate degree to enlisted

personnel, and is also the world's largest community college.

CCAF degree programs require a minimum of 64 semester hours - consisting of physical education, technical education, general education, leadership, management, military studies and electives. Because credit

can come from different sources (Basic Military Training, Technical School, DANTES and CLEP test, Professional Military Education and college sources), it is amazing how many college credits many people have without even being aware of it.

CCAF accepts credit in transfer for courses completed

at regionally accredited civilian colleges and universities. The Air Force may pay up to 75 percent of your tuition for classes taken on your off-duty time.

For more information about CCAF and how you can get an associate of applied science degree, call 5545.

(Courtesy 47 MSS Education Flight)

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– 47 FTW motto

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# Medical records to be handled strictly by 47th Medical Group beginning June 1

By Maj. Bruce Allen  
47th Medical Support Squadron

The medical record is the only record indicating the treatment of care you have received.

It is a historical record that should contain all diagnoses, evaluations and treatments received from the very first time you entered the military health care system. Without this record, a great deal of pertinent information about your health is unavailable to the individual most in need of this information – your physician.

Because of the critical infor-

mation contained in medical records, they must be handled with utmost care. They must be secured and protected at all times.

To ensure that your record is secure and safe from loss or destruction, the 47th Medical Group is initiating custody guidelines consistent with Air Force Instruction 41-210 and the HQ USAF/Surgeon General’s Policy letter, dated Nov. 22, 1999. These guidelines will ensure that your record is available at all times when you arrive at the clinic.

Beginning June 1, the 47th Medical Group staff will be the only individuals handling

records – no beneficiaries will be allowed to carry their records to a clinic or other medical treatment facility. As of that day, the following guidelines will be enacted:

■ The 47th Medical Group staff will hand-deliver all health records to the appropriate clinic where the beneficiary will be seen.

■ All beneficiaries referred for care to another medical facility will be given a copy of their referral/consultation and a summary of their care extracted from the record that they will take to the other medical facility.

■ Records of family members who PCS to another military base will be sealed and mailed to the gaining military treatment facility.

■ Records of active duty members who PCS, separate or retire will be sealed and delivered to the 47th Mission Support Squadron, Military Personnel Flight.

■ The records of all other beneficiaries will be maintained at the 47th Medical Group.

This includes beneficiaries temporarily residing locally, and those traveling through the area.

You may request, and will re-

ceive a free copy of your entire medical record. (This applies to your initial copy.

Any subsequent copies requested will still be provided, but there is a copying charge for the additional copies).

These new changes should ensure fewer lost records, improve customer service, and more importantly, ensure that a comprehensive record indicating treatment history is available to healthcare providers – so they may better diagnose and prescribe the most effective treatment.

For more information, call 6486.

## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Janesville, Wis.

**Family:** Wife, Toni; sons, Jory and Evan; daughter, Kyli.

**Time at Laughlin:** More than 5 years.

**Time in service:** 14 years.

**Why did you join the Air Force family?** To travel the world.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** Privacy fence (4 bedroom).

**Long-term goals:** Finish my degree.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Winning Athlete of the Year.

**Hobbies:** Playing sports and coaching kids.

**Bad habit:** Television and pro wrestling.



**Staff Sgt. Eric Linneman**  
*47th Security Forces Squadron*

*If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?*

Gen. Billy Mitchell for his visions and insight into Air Force development.

### 'Newton' from page 1

Storm and the first Air Force composite wing during the service's reorganization in 1991-1992. In other assignments, he directed air operations over Bosnia, served on the Joint Staff, and directed operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Also, he served as an F-15 East Coast demonstration pilot, an Air Force liaison officer to the U.S. Senate, and as chief of the Air Force Colonels' Group.

The change of command ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 22, with time and location to be announced later.

(Courtesy AETC News Service)



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# 2000 Yard of the Month in search of best base lawns

By Denise Pace  
47th Civil Engineering Squadron

How would you like to get some extra cash in your pocket from Border Federal Credit Union and a gift certificate from the Base Exchange? What if, as you arrive at the BX to spend that certificate, you had a parking space designated just for you?

If that sounds good, then taking some extra pride in the appearance of your military family housing yard can make it happen!

The Laughlin Yard of the Month program starts in May and runs through September this year. The program is intended to recognize housing occupants who put extra effort into the care of their yard and quarters. Winners will be chosen on

the basis of the best initial over-all view.

Neatness, compliance with standards set for the housing area, and extra efforts above minimum requirements are also factors considered when the yards are judged. Judging will occur the last full week of the prior month.

The deputy support group commander will select three winners monthly - one from each of the housing areas: enlisted, officer, and the mobile home park.

In addition to the cash award, gift certificate and parking privilege, winners from the MFH areas will get a ceiling fan for the house. Winners from the mobile home park will win patio stones. After winners are notified, the Yard of the Month sign will be placed on their lawns.

***The program is intended to recognize housing occupants who put extra effort into the care of their yard and quarters.***



## From the Blotter

(From April 17-24)



- A civilian was issued a memorandum for suspension of base driving privileges for failure to maintain liability insurance.
- Eight suspected male illegal aliens were found sleeping near the north deer gate. Border Patrol responded and took the individuals into custody.
- A black compact disk case containing several compact discs was turned in to the investigation section. To claim it, call 5249.
- Workers at the base exchange reported several juveniles had fled from the BX with unpaid property. One military dependant and one civilian were detained.
- A police unit detained two civilians for driving a private vehicle in the aircraft parking area while on a suspended license.

**Tip of the Day:** Report stolen or missing items immediately. Waiting to see if they surface only hinders the investigation process.

(Courtesy of 47th Security Forces Squadron)

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Question of the week

What do you want to be when you grow up?



“I want to be four.”

**Lolani Gaston, 3**  
*Family member*



“A motorcycle rider because I like motorcycle riders.”

**Austin Chance Roden, 4**  
*Family member*



“A princess.”

**Jacie Davison, 4**  
*Family member*



“I want to be a teacher when I get bigger.”

**Julie Gayette, 4**  
*Family member*

# SUPT class 00-08 graduates – 24 new pilots soar into the future

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony in the Operations Training Complex.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in

the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot

training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo-propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44 and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of Class 00-08 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.

(Compiled from staff reports)



**Capt. Michael P. Goyette**  
*Class Leader – KC-135*  
March Field, Calif. (AFRC)



**Capt. Michael Claborn**  
*Assistant Class Leader – F-16*  
Luke AFB, Ariz.



**Capt. Anthony P. Amoroso**  
*KC-135*  
Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**Capt. Christopher P. Cullen**  
*KC-135*  
McConnell AFB, Kansas (AFRC)



**Capt. Mohamed A. Dolo**  
*DC-3*  
Republic of Mali



**Capt. Mary K. Kunzie**  
*C-17*  
McChord AFB, Wash. (AFRC)



**Capt. Chester M. Dooly**  
*AC-130*  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**Capt. Kevin M. Eastland**  
*C-141*  
McChord AFB, Wash.



**Capt. Mark L. Haddorff**  
*C-21*  
Peterson AFB, Colo.



**Capt. Shawn M. McGrath**  
*KC-10*  
Travis AFB, Calif.







**Capt. Heather M. Meissner**  
*KC-135*  
McConnell AFB, Kansas



**Capt. Jerrold E. Scholz**  
*C-130*  
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**Capt. Eric W. Von Trotha**  
*C-17*  
Charleston AFB, S.C.



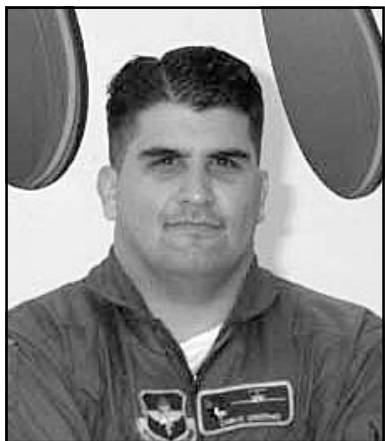
**1st Lt. Jeremy M. Jenness**  
*F-15*  
Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Jason J. Biggs**  
*C-130*  
Moffett Field, Calif. (ANG)



**2nd Lt. Jamie M. Connoyer**  
*E-3A*  
Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Credno**  
*C-5*  
Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. David C. Drane**  
*T-1*  
Laughlin AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. John R. Freed**  
*F-15*  
New Orleans, La. (ANG)



**2nd Lt. Matt J. Gaines**  
*T-37*  
Laughlin AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Seth W. Graham**  
*B-1*  
Dyess AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Roger A. Lang**  
*C-9*  
Ramstein AB, Germany



**2nd Lt. Alex M. Preble**  
*KC-135*  
Bangor, Maine (ANG)



**2nd Lt. Bryan C. Weiland**  
*A-10*  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



# Family Day

*Base parents and children turn out  
for egg hunt, games and booths*

(Photos and layout by Senior Airman Mike Hammond)



Brooke Grandgenett, 1, gives the Easter Bunny a big hug and smile.



The day's festivities – and watching dad get caught by a police dog – proved exhausting for one-year-old Tori Cooper, who found a way to relax in the shade of her stroller.



Prior to Family Day, the base Child Development Center also held an egg hunt for the children. Here, Jordan Forest, 2, proudly displays one of her finds while Michael Odom, 3, heads out in search of more.



Danielle Baskin paints the face of Kristalyn Elizardo, 9, at one of many children's booths in the Fiesta Center.



Jacob Hammond, 1, finds the easy way to win the ring toss at one of many game booths.



Emily Ortiz, 1, rushes to put an egg in the basket held by her dad during the egg hunt.



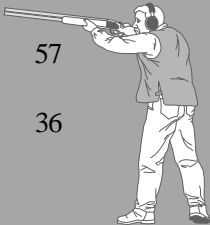
Military working dog Kelly apprehends a "dangerous villain" – Staff Sgt. Thomas Cooper, 47th Security Forces Squadron. Kelly and handler Staff Sgt. Bunje Adams demonstrated a number of things a police dog does in the line of duty.

Sports trivia

- (a) The Yankees’ David Cone threw the only perfect game in major league baseball in 1999. Who was the first American League pitcher to throw a perfect game?
- (b) Ken Griffey Jr., now with the Cincinnati Reds, led the American League in home runs in 1999 with 48 as a member of the Seattle Mariners. Who finished second?
- (c) Who received the most walks in major league baseball in 1999?
- (d) Who is the defending Daytona 500 champion?

(a) Cy Young (b) Rafael Palmeiro, Texas Rangers, 47 (c) Jeff Bagwell, Houston Astros (d) Jeff Gordon.

Trap and skeet team scores				
Team	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Total
47 ADS #1	50	54	68	172
47 SVS	47	50	51	148
47 ADS #2	43	41	55	139
84 FTS	31	53	50	134
87 FTS	51	57	0	*
47 CES	45	36	0	*
* Makeup round required				





**Sports Safety**



**Play it Safe**

Intramural basketball standings

Eastern conference

Teams	W	L
LCSAM	11	2
CES	9	2
87 FTS	6	7
SFS	4	7
OSS	3	10

Western conference

Teams	W	L
MDG	11	2
CS/SVS	7	6
86 FTS	6	7
MSS	3	9
OSS II	2	10

May 1 will kick off May Fitness Month. Base members are encouraged to participate in various base fitness activities. Call 5326 for more information.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Buckling under pressure

Chance Roden, 47th Flying Training Wing ground safety specialist, checks 2nd Lt. Don Charlton, 47th Operations Support Squadron, for seatbelt use Wednesday. Inspections help determine the rate of base seatbelt use, which is currently 93 percent. Those not using seatbelts will be identified to 47th Security Forces Squadron.

## Pilot graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium. The guest speaker for the event will be Lt. Gen. (retired) Winfield Scott, Jr., former superintendent of the Air Force Academy and father of Col. Winfield "Skip" Scott III, 47th Flying Training Wing commander.

## Spring cleaning

Spring Clean Up for the military family housing area begins Thursday and ends May 15. The two large dumpsters located at the enlisted common area on Cannon St. and in the officer area on E. Vandenberg St. will be used for the base cleanup. Do not put leaves, branches, grass clippings or any hazardous waste materials in these dumpsters. The compost area is the designated drop-off for leaves, branches and grass clippings.

## Golf tournament

The 29th annual Commander's Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 12-14. There are still spots available. If interested in playing, call the 47th Flying Training Wing protocol office at 5869.

## Trash off

The Air Force Sergeants Association is having a "Trash Off" 10 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers will get together and pick up trash along Highway 90 to clean up

the local area. The meeting place is along the side of Highway 90 on the way to Bracketville, about seven miles from the base. There will be AFSA Adopt-A-Highway signs up to show where the pickup areas are.

## Travel reimbursement

Following Monday, all Air Education and Training Command travelers must complete a split disbursement form, either authorizing or declining direct payment for travel reimbursement to the travel card company. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Eudocio Garcia at 5139.

## Membership drive

A meeting of the Laughlin Noncommissioned Officers Association and Professional Military Education Graduates Association is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday in the Airman Leadership School / Enlisted Heritage building. This meeting is open to all active duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel.

## Military leave policy changes

Unit commanders may now approve up to 10 days permissive temporary duty assignment for a member to attend national conventions or meetings hosted by service-connected organizations such as the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Unit commanders may also approve up to 12 days PTDY for a member to participate in events, activities or gatherings which have been pre-approved by the Air Force recruiting mission as part of the We Are All Recruiters program. Other changes to military leave policy

have also been made. For more information on these changes, call the Military Personnel Flight customer service section at 5277.

## Reserve Transition Assistance

The Reserve Transition Assistance Program is a program designed to assist members of the Selected Reserve affected by force reduction to adjust to an all-civilian lifestyle. It outlines benefits acquired under the Montgomery GI Bill. The pay program for reservists is explained as well as involuntary separation and retirement pay. For more information, contact Air Reserve Management at 298-5487, or log onto <http://www.arpc.org>.

## Watering policy

The Laughlin watering policy requires housing residents with odd number houses to water on odd days and even numbered houses to water on even days. Watering times are 5 to 9 p.m. and 6 to 11 a.m.

## Car wash

The 47th Operations Support Squadron is holding a car wash 10 a.m. Saturday at the base exchange parking lot.

## OSC Scholarship Banquet

An OSC Scholarship Banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 9 at Club XL. For reservations, contact Stacey Lilley at 298-2690.

## Gas Conservation tips

- It takes less gas to restart a car than to idle for more than one minute.
- Parking in shady areas will prevent gas evaporation that might otherwise occur when parked in the sun.
- Check tire pressure regularly. Under-inflated tires will increase gas use.
- Join a car pool! If every automobile took one less 10 mile trip a week, the nation would save more than one billion gallons of gas a year.

## The *Weather* Ahead for May



The month of May usually brings the end of spring-like weather to Laughlin. A few cold fronts still pass through Del Rio, but are very weak. Thunderstorm activity is at its peak with frequent potential for severe thunderstorms. On average, seven thunderstorms strike Laughlin during May. Low cloud ceilings still occur in the mornings, but are short lived and rarely extend to below 500 feet with visibilities reduced to only 4 to 5 miles.

### May statistics

Daily average high/low temperature (degrees Fahrenheit): 89/68

Monthly average precipitation: 2.5 inches

Record high/low temperature: 108/44

Record maximum/minimum temperature: 8.6 inches/0.2 inches

Record maximum 24-hour rainfall: 5.7 inches

Interested in the current weather conditions at Laughlin? Check out the Weather Operations Flight web page at

<http://weather.laughlin.af.mil/>. During severe weather, tune to the Commander's Access Channel for weather warning updates.